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funds, the Commissioner shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, those approved roads on the Federal-Aid Indian Road System. The Commissioner may also maintain roads not on the Federal-Aid Indian Road System if such roads meet the definition of "Indian reservation road and bridges" and are approved for maintenance by the Commissioner. No funds authorized under 23 U.S.C. 208 are available for the maintenance of roads.

§ 170.6a Contributions from tribes.

The Commissioner may enter into agreements with an Indian tribe for a contribution from its tribal funds for the construction or maintenance of roads governed by regulations of this part. However, the tribe must be able to make such contributions without undue impairment of the necessary tribal functions.

§ 170.7 Cooperation with States.

The Commissioner may enter into an agreement with the State for cooperation in the construction and the maintenance of certain Indian reservation roads and bridges, especially at those locations where road projects serve non-Indian land as well as Indian land. (23 U.S.C. 208(d); 23 U.S.C.308(a))

§ 170.8 Use of roads.

(a) Free public use is required on roads eligible for construction and maintenance with Federal funds under this part. When required for public safety, fire prevention or suppression, or fish or game protection, or to prevent damage to unstable roadbed, the Commissioner may restrict the use of them or may close them to public use.

(b) The Commissioner shall conduct engineering and traffic analysis in accordance with established traffic engineering practices and determine the necessary maximum speed limit, maximum vehicular weight limit and other needed regulatory signs for roads which he maintains. The Commissioner shall make recommendations to local Government officials, who are authorized to enact and enforce ordinances on Indian lands, of his determination of the needed regulatory signs. Such regulatory signs as are authorized by estab-

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lished ordinances shall be erected by the Commissioner. At locations under the jurisdiction of the Court of Indian Offenses the Commissioner shall erect such regulatory signs as he determines are needed.

§ 170.9 Roadless and wild areas.

Roads passable to motor transportation shall not be constructed under the regulations in this part within the boundaries of the roadless and wild areas established in part 265 of this chapter.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ROAD PROJECTS

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§ 170.10 Purpose and objectives.

The regulations in this subpart govern the calling and conducting of public hearings on Bureau of Indian Affairs road projects beginning with road projects scheduled to begin construction in Fiscal Year 1975, and thereafter. In order to promote coordination and comprehensive planning of construction activities on Indian reservations, the objectives for conducting public hearings on proposed road projects are to:

(a) Inform interested persons of the road proposals which affect them and allow such persons to express their views at those stages of a project's development when the flexibility to respond to these views still exists.

(b) Insure that road locations and designs are consistent with the reservations' objectives and with applicable Federal regulations.

§ 170.11 Criteria.

A public hearing shall be held for each project that:

(a) Is a new route being constructed,

(b) Would significantly change the layout or function of connecting or related roads or streets,

(c) Would have an adverse effect upon adjacent real property, or

(d) Is expected to be of a controversial nature.